COCHIN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1114.

Wednesday, the *26th July 1939.* / *10th Karkadagam 1114.*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Ismail Haji Essa Sait, N. V. Subbarayan Chetty, H. J. Walmesley, K. R. Ramakrishnan and L. M. Pylee were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MALABAR HOTEL—DESIGNATION—CHANGE OF.

141. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the name 'Malabar Hotel' was adopted for the hotel constructed on the Willingdon Island with the permission of the Government of Cochin;

(*b*) whether there is any objection for the Government to change its name to any other name preferably 'Cochin Hotel'?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Government do not think it necessary to act on the suggestion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know Sir, whether the Harbour authorities had any idea to move the Government of India to make it part of the Malabar District when this name was

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given to the hotel? When the Harbour is in Cochin State and not in British Malabar why was this name adopted?

Mr. President : The name is not British Malabar hotel.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cochin is not Malabar.

Mr. President : Cochin is part of Malabar.

COCHIN BACKWATERS—MONUMENTS OBTAINED BY DREDGING.

142. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the dredging operations in our backwaters have brought to light interesting historical monuments;

(*b*) whether an interesting old image from our backwaters was recently sent to the Madras Museum by the Harbour Authorities?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) During the course of dredging operations in the inner harbour, the following articles were found:—

(*i*) A skull and a few bones. These were sent to the Director, Zoological Survey of India.

(*ii*) Tombstones 12 Nos. Four were handed over to the Roman Catholic Church, Cochin and eight to the Government Archæologist, Trichur.

(*b*) No.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Was our Government consulted when these were sent to people outside the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to see that they are also consulted when such things are sent outside our State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, we will consider that question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Were these skulls and bones returned?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)* Probably they are preserved there.

THEVARA—VENDURUTHI BRIDGE—CONSTRUCTION OF—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

143. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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